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Applicants: Schmid et al. Serial No.: 10/643,709 Filed: August 19, 2003 For: FUNCTIONAL HANDPIECE HAVING A LIGHT EMISSION **ELEMENT AT ITS FORWARD END** Group Art Unit: 3732 Examiner: John J. Wilson

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is in response to the official action of February 3, 2006, requiring restriction between claims 1-12 and 17-19 (Group I), drawn to a handpiece in combination with a cannula, and claims 13-16 (Group II), drawn to a cannula for a handpiece.

Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I (i.e., claims 1-12, and 17-19) for prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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